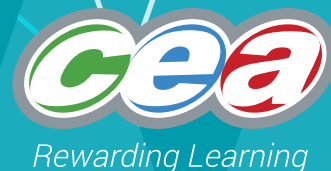


FACTFILE: GCSE GERMAN



Reading 12

CONTEXT 3: SCHOOL LIFE, STUDIES AND THE WORLD OF WORK



Future plans and careers



Introduction

Here are some key points to help you study this topic.

Learning Outcomes

You should be able to:

- understand and respond to different types of written language;
- understand details within texts using high frequency familiar language;
- identify the overall message, key points, details and opinions in a variety of written passages;
- deduce meaning from a variety of written texts (from a range of specified contexts including short narratives, authentic material and unfamiliar material);
- recognise and respond to key information, important themes and ideas in extended written text and authentic sources;

- demonstrate understanding by being able to scan for particular information, organise and present relevant details, draw conclusions in context and recognise implicit meaning where appropriate; and
- translate sentences from German into English.

These lists are neither prescriptive nor exhaustive.

Skills

- Pläne für die Zukunft.
- Nächstes Jahr.
- Nach der Schule.
- Universität/Gap-Year.
- Beruf.

Preparation

- Read for interest – German magazines and newspapers and short articles on line.
- The learning and revision of vocabulary is essential.
- Learn vocabulary according to topics. There is often a useful list at the end of a unit in your text book and there is a list in the German GCSE Specification, available on the CCEA website.
- Work together with other members of your class to help one another learn.
- Make out your own vocabulary list, recording gender and plural form of nouns and present tense and past participle of irregular verbs.
- Learn word families, e.g. die Ausbildung der Auszubildende (AZUBI).

Practice

- Use past papers so that you are familiar with the standard and types of questions.
- Make sure you understand the rubrics which are listed in the German Specification.
- It may help to write a) b) c) etc. in the margin against the area of the text where you see the answer.
- Take account of the number of marks given in brackets at the end of each question. This is a useful guide to the amount of detail required.
- Make sure that you answer in the correct language.
- Attempt all questions. Do not leave blanks. If necessary, have a good guess.
- In the Revision Section there are some Practice Sentences. They are not connected in any way, but they contain both familiar and more challenging vocabulary, most of which is to be found in the Vocabulary List in the German GCSE Specification. Do not look at the solutions below and use the sentences as revision practice.
 - I don't know what I want to be, and that worries me.
 - I did my work experience in an office and I didn't like that.
 - I want to go to university to study law. I want to be a lawyer.
 - I hope to spend at least one year abroad.
 - I am good at German and would like to speak it fluently.
 - At the age of thirty I would like to marry and have children.
 - Money is not particularly important to me (not that important), but I want to have a well-paid job.
 - If I have children I would like to combine family and career.

Revision

- Ich weiß nicht, was ich werden will, und das macht mir Sorgen.
- Ich habe mein Arbeitspraktikum in einem Büro gemacht, und das hat mir nicht gefallen.
- Ich will auf die Uni gehen um Jura zu studieren. Ich will Rechtsanwalt/Rechtsanwältin werden.
- Ich hoffe, wenigstens ein Jahr im Ausland zu verbringen.
- Ich bin gut in Deutsch und möchte es fließend sprechen.
- Mit dreißig Jahren möchte ich heiraten und Kinder haben.
- Geld ist mir nicht besonders wichtig, aber ich will einen gut bezahlten Job haben.
- Wenn ich Kinder habe, möchte ich Familie und Beruf kombinieren.

